

Our Virtues and Values



This half term we will be focusing upon becoming **faith-filled and hopeful**.

Faith, hope and love are known to the Christian tradition as the three theological virtues. They underpin our whole understanding of what it is to be human and the nature of our relationship with God.

At school, we will be encouraged to have faith in ourselves, our emotions and judgements; faith in others and their faith in us; faith in our family and the communities to which we belong; and, ultimately, faith in God. "Faith cannot be taken for granted; it has to be revisited constantly and built up day by day."

Our virtue of 'Hope' this half term will help us to understand that the stronger our faith and love are, the stronger our hope will be. Christianity teaches that God is a God of hope: his Christ walks before us, giving us the gifts (the graces) and courage we need to follow.

At school, the children will learn to hope by seeing and hearing hope-filled adults. They learn not to be frightened to step out into the darkness of the unknown but to draw on their own character strengths, and of those around them, to face challenges with courage and resolve.

Important Biblical quotes that reflect upon being faith-filled and hopeful.

Noah's Ark

Jesus heals a paralytic man - Mark 12:1-12

Parable for the Faithful Servant - Matthew 24:42-51

Healing 2 blind men - Matthew 9:27-31

Questions to consider at home with your children this half term:

Does your school give hope by persistently building up the faith of pupils in themselves and in others? How do you build community?

Does the school faithfully pass on the living Christian tradition? Does it really put Christ at the centre of everything it does?